

Remarks/Arguments

On May 1, 2007, Applicants' representatives, Ralph Dowell and Alyssa Finamore, met with Examiner Hylton to discuss the prosecution of the above-referenced application. Specifically, the parties discussed the prior art of record and the amended claims included in a response filed on March 19, 2007. The Applicants and their representatives would like to thank Examiner Hylton for her time and cooperation in this matters

During the interview, the parties agreed that the prior art did not teach a closure device having a *storage space located between a container neck and a skirt of the closure device*. While independent claims 1 and 7 originally only recited "storage means," claims 2 and 8 further defined these means to include such a storage space. Accordingly, the limitations originally set forth in claims 2 and 8, including a storage space between a container neck and skirt of the closure device, have been added to independent claims 1 and 7, respectively. Moreover, claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled, and those claims that originally depended from claims 2 and 8 have been amended to depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively. Even in light of these amendments, no new matter has been added. It would be appreciated if the

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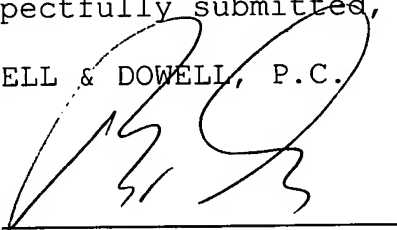
Examiner would indicate the acceptance of this amendment in the next office communication.

In view of the foregoing, it is now believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested and favorable consideration and allowance of the claims solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the amendments submitted herewith, or the allowability of the claims, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number provided below for purposes of facilitating prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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